(vi) Research efforts towards adoption of technologies for increasing the shelf life of fruits and vegetables such as Compressed/Modified Atmosphere containers for sea transport, establishment of vapour heat treatment facilities, etc. Kinnaur apple from Himachal Pradesh has been identified as one of the potential varieties for exports. Himachal Pradesh Marketing Corporation (HPMC) had undertaken trial shipment of Kinnaur apple through reefer container to United Kingdom.

(vii) Provision of assistance for using international standard packaging material specified through the Indian Institute of Packaging(IIP). Under this scheme assistance is given to exporters for use of packaging material specified and adopted by IIP/Agricultural Product Export Development Authority (APEDA).

New industries in Himachal Pradesh

933. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified certain industries to develop them on the lines of special concept of industrial developments in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether certain industries which do not cause air and water pollution are to be identified and reserved for Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir States;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) to (d) According to the Industrial Policy of Government, zoning and land use regulations and environmental legislations continue to regulate location of industrial projects. Subject to the locational policy applicable to cities with a population of more than one million

(1991 Census), the location of a project depends on the commercial judgement of the entrepreneur. State Governments formulate their own industrial policy which include measures for promotion and development of particular industries. It is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments and private entrepreneurs to establish and develop industries based on the local prevailing conditions and availability of raw material.

Dumping of cheap vegetable oils from Nepal

†934. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that cheap vegetable oils are being dumped in India *via* Nepal and it is affecting the Indian vegetable oils trade adversely;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to prevent this act so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) to (c) The Government of India are aware of the increasing imports of vegetable oils from Nepal under Indo-Nepal Treaty of Trade, as modified in December 1996, which provides for access to the Indian market for the articles manufactured in Nepal without payment of customs duty and without quantitative restriction irrespective of the sourcing of the raw materials. The imports of vegetable oils from Nepal have increased from a negligible quantity of less than 70 MTs in 1996-97 to 54,102 MTs in 1999-2001 and 90,951 MTs in 2000-2001 (April, 2000—February, 2001).

As provided under the Treaty, the process of consultation with His Majesty's Government of Nepal for taking appropriate measures to address the concerns of Indian industry has been initiated. Keeping in view the interests of our industry, steps are also being taken to make

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